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SUBJECT: TURBO'S APPLICATION FOR OPIC INSURANCE

1. AT THE REQUEST OF MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT, FERNANDO NARANJO, EMBOFF MET WITH NARANJO AND MINISTRY'S FOREIGN BORROWING EXPERT, ALVARO GARCIA, ON SEPT 22 TO DISCUSS "TURBOW PROJECT". NARANJO AND GARCIA WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT AND THEIR BREAKDOWN WHICH EMBOFF PROVIDED. NARANJO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EMBOFF'S EXPLANATION AND SAID PROJECT WOULD BE STUDIED IN MINISTRY FOLLOWING WEEK. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF CONCLUSION OF MINISTRY'S STUDY.

2. THE FOLLOWING DAY, NARANJO APPROACHED AMBASSADOR, REFERRED TO DISCUSSION OF "TECHNICAL" DETAILS OF PROJECT WITH EMBOFF, AND INQUIRED WHETHER AMBASSADOR MIGHT HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT PROJECT BASED ON OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HIS ONLY RESERVATIONS WERE BASED ON "TECHNICAL" MATTERS. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE DID NOT FEEL THAT HE HAD EVER BEEN PRESENTED ALL OF THE FACTS OF THE PROJECT, THAT HE FOUND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO APPROVE A PROJECT THAT WAS NOT IN ITSELF FULLY DEVELOPED AND THEREFORE NOT COMPLETELY PRESENTED. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT IN THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE IN COSTA RICA, WITH CHARGES OF PAY-OFF

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AND CORRUPTION FLOATING AROUND, HE DID NOT WISH

THE USG TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT NOT BE CLEARLY AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND DEFENSIBLE BEFORE ANYONE AND IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT IF HE COULD RECEIVE WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON A WELL-DEFINED PROJECT, HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECONSIDER THE EMBASSY'S POSITION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUERY RE NARANJO'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PROJECT, NARANJO STATED THAT HE HAD SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE VARIOUS FEES INVOLVED. HE WONDERED WHY SUCH HIGH FEES HAD TO BE PAID AND WHY TO SO MANY ENTITIES. HE SAID HE WOULD BE STUDYING MATTER FURTHER AND WOULD GET BACK TO THE AMBASSADOR AGAIN.

4. LATER THAT SAME DAY, FOLLOWING A CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER MATTER, VICE PRESIDENT CARLOS MANUEL CASTILLO REFERRED TO THE TURBOW PROJECT. HE SAID THAT COSTA RICA WAS INTERESTED IN GAINING ACCESS TO THE U.S. BOND MARKET BUT DID NOT LIKE TO HAVE TO PAY THE VERY HIGH FEES INVOLVED. AT THE SAME TIME, CASTILLO SAID, IF THE FEES WERE NOT PAID PERHAPS COSTA RICA MIGHT NOT RECEIVE THE MONEY FROM THE U.S. BOND MARKET. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF HIS POSITION. TODMAN

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